

Annual Report 2014

Our Vision

A world where healthy, strong communities live in harmony with their environment and are instrumental in ensuring that the protected areas and conservation lands they live alongside are thriving and achieving the objectives for which they were established.

Our Mission

To facilitate and support community led activities that foster positive relationships between local communities and the conservation of their protected areas. We work with community organizations and individuals to facilitate and enhance their capacity to achieve long term sustainability of community based conservation and development initiatives.

Our Goals

- To preserve the natural environment in and around protected areas;
- To strengthen communities and build the capacity of community-based organizations by supporting them to identify and carry out local initiatives which sustain and benefit from environmental conservation.

Our Strategic Aims

In order to achieve our vision of a world where healthy, strong communities live in harmony with their environment, the Kesho Trust will:

- Promote and facilitate positive community development activity that is compatible with conservation and which allows communities to benefit more fully and directly from their position as neighbours to important conservation lands.
- Form partnerships with local community organizations who share our values and goals and help them find appropriate development strategies, mechanisms and learn the skills needed to improve their lives.
- Promote a belief in the value of community based environmental conservation and help build stronger and mutually beneficial relationships between protected areas and local communities.

President's Message

Our annual report time is a good opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past year and to remember the exceptional volunteers and supporters who made it all possible. We have acknowledged those people individually on the back page of this report and hope you will have a look through the list to see the many people who are responsible for the Kesho Trust's achievements.

This report captures a number of important events from the past year. From a project perspective there are those initiatives that have been successfully completed such as the PAPR as well as the new initiatives we are just beginning. We have also highlighted some of the people who have been active in our program activities and acknowledge the new partnerships that have been developed.



Photo: P. Milanga

Dedication ceremony at Kihembe

All in all we are very pleased with the developments of 2014. Perhaps the most significant is the progress on Kihembe – our environmental learning centre initiative being undertaken with our partner SANA. This initiative is moving along well and not only was there an important traditional ceremony held on the site by the elders of the village but we have created a specific website for Kihembe and

launched a major fundraising campaign for raising the funds for construction. We definitely hope you will update yourself on this progress and help us through your continued financial support to make this centre the very significant contribution to the Saadani area that it was intended to be.

Bruce K. Downie
President and Founding Director

Help Every Day Funds Chicken Rearing Facility in Mkwaja

This year our partner Help Every Day supported another project through the Kesho Trust. This time the project

was a chicken rearing facility in the village of Mkwaja. Mkwaja is one of the villages participating in the PAPR. An outcome of

their research work was the need to develop alternative income mechanisms and food sources as a result of the failing fishery. The local committee had proposed the chicken rearing project to meet that need and Help Every Day agreed to contribute funds. Members of the group went to a training session in Dar es Salaam and all the members participated in the construction of the facility. The business will provide chickens and eggs for sale and will be run by a cooperative. It will be self sustaining through revenue generation from sales.



Photo: B. Downie

Peter Millanga with members of the Mkwaja cooperative.

Highlights of 2014

Celebrating Kihembe!

2014 has been an important year for Kihembe. With our partner organization on this project, SANA, we have taken major steps forward. Most importantly, the elders and community members of the village of Mkange held a traditional ceremony to dedicate 100 acres of their land for the Kihembe Environmental Learning Centre.

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, especially Vanessa Falle and Brook Mackenzie, we now also have a Facebook page for Kihembe and we are looking to expand our public reach through that medium over the coming year. With a major effort on the part of another volunteer, Nicolas Roy and his company, DPT in Montreal, we also have a new, independent website for Kihembe. Highlighted on that site is the very generous support we have received from two ambassadors for our initiative, Robert Bateman and Jane Goodall.

Our challenge now is to raise the funds for constructions of the facilities and in November we kicked off our fundraising campaign for Kihembe with events in Whitehorse and Haines Junction, Yukon, where we found keen supporters and potential volunteers.



Photo: C. Coucoulis

Peter Millanga and Ally Abdallah at Kihembe

Kihembe is a key part of our major effort towards making the Saadani area of coastal Tanzania a more sustainable ecosystem. We are partnering with Saving Africa's Nature [SANA] with support and collaboration with the village of Mkange and Saadani National Park. Please lend your support to this effort. Information is available at: www.kihembe.com

People - Making a Difference!



Emmanuel Ole Kileli
Chair, EMAYO

This year Emmanuel was back in Canada furthering his education. He was accepted to a diploma program at the Coady International Institute at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. He spent 6 months doing his coursework and graduated with a Diploma in Development Leadership in December. He then spent Christmas with friends and Kesho Trust supporters in Montreal before returning to Tanzania. He would like to continue his studies at the masters level and is looking for more opportunities in Canada.



Ryan Hennessey and Alanna Bennett
Kesho Trust volunteers
Whitehorse, Yukon

Ryan Hennessey and Alanna Bennett spent 3 weeks in Tanzania getting a very hands on impression of the issues facing the communities of the Saadani area. Ryan has been helping the Kesho Trust in our program planning for the area and his experience in the field will be an important reality check in his work. Ryan and Alanna were met and accompanied in the field by Peter Millanga, Project Officer, and Beatrice Simon, another Kesho Trust volunteer.



Agnes Sirima
Sokoine University of Agriculture
Morogoro, Tanzania
Kesho Trust Director

Agnes is currently working on her PhD at Clemson University in South Carolina, USA. She undertook the field investigations of her research this past year and was awarded a research grant from the Rufford Foundation to support her field studies. She is working on the relationship between scientific and traditional knowledge and is doing her research in collaboration with our partner PALISEP. Her field work took her to Enguserosambu village and the surrounding area during June, July and August. She will complete her doctorate in the spring of 2015.

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More Kesho Trust People!

Peter Millanga

Project Coordinator
Kesho Trust

Peter Millanga has worked with the Kesho Trust since February 2013 as a Project Officer. Born and raised in Mwanza, Peter moved to Arusha where he completed his high school at Karatu High School. Peter continued his education with two years at the University of Dar es Salaam in a BA program in Geography and Environmental Studies. Through an international exchange program, he completed his final year of study in Canada at Carleton University in Ottawa. Peter continued at Carleton to complete his MA in Geography. His thesis focused on examining conflicting land use objectives in Ngorogoro Conservation Area.

When Peter returned to Tanzania in 2011, he worked with Investours as a program director for their micro-finance program. Through connections made in Canada he learned of the work the Kesho Trust is doing in Tanzania. The idea of working in protected areas with a focus to help communities see benefits of conservation initiatives is what attracted Peter to work with the Kesho Trust. His role as Project Officer means he works as a facilitator to involve communities and implement projects in the Protected Areas and Poverty (PAPR) Research Alliance and Promoting Environmental Conservation and Cooperation (PECC). Peter is motivated to see a positive change in the attitudes of communities and National Park staff eventually "creating a smoother environment that will allow conservation and community development to meet their goals".



Peter sees challenges in his work. Addressing community-based issues relating to park management are very sensitive and in many cases, long-standing. He recognizes that to work towards better relations it can take a long time to establish trust which requires a long-term investment in relationship building. He enjoys seeing a lot of people volunteer their time to meet the mission of the Kesho Trust and believes that "together, we will see change to balance the objectives of conservation and community development in the Saadani area".

Peter also has big plans on a personal level. He is engaged to be married to Esther Mihayo, a young woman from his home town. We wish Peter and Esther sincere congratulations for their upcoming marriage!

Vanessa Falle and Brook McKenzie Whitehorse, Yukon Kesho Trust volunteers

Two more Yukon volunteers, Vanessa and Brook, spent an eventful 10 days in Tanzania in August in support of our Kihembe initiative. Vanessa was gathering photo material for us focused on the lives of the people in the communities of the area. Brook took on the preparation of individual profiles of some of

the people they met. Brook and Vanessa were hosted by our Project Officer Peter Millanga along with his colleagues from the villages. Vanessa and Brook had an agenda that took them to many of the local villages as well as on trips through Saadani Park. The products of their efforts were much appreciated at the fundraising events held later in the year and you can see them on our facebook page for Kihembe.



Beatrice Simon Morogoro, Tanzania Kesho Trust volunteer.

Beatrice is a Kesho Trust volunteer from Tanzania. In the photo she is shown assisting in our Saadani area research workshops held in February 2014. This year Beatrice has begun to pursue further academic studies. She is in Norway undertaking a master's degree at the Norwegian University of

Science and Technology in Trondheim and focusing her research on the relationship between the local communities and Saadani National Park and the benefits of co-existence. We are pleased with her research focus as this is the area and the subject matter of her most recent volunteer activity with us. We wish her every success and look forward to her continued interest and contributions to the work of the Kesho Trust.

Highlights of 2014

Kesho Trust Partnerships



The Kesho Trust is very pleased to report on the revitalization of our partnership with the West Lunga Trust [WLT] in Zambia. Long time supporters of the Kesho Trust will remember that the WLT was our first official partnership. We also had a volunteer, Brent Liddle, go to assist in ecotourism planning for the area. Their organization struggled with the onset of major donor initiatives in their area. However, recent changes in the WLT have re-energized the organization. They have also posted a new website and a newsletter which provide excellent information about their new activities. We are hopeful that we will be able to partner again in the near future on some of these activities.



elephant
earth

The Kesho Trust has just reached a new partnership agreement with the Elephant Earth Initiative [EEI]. As a mechanism for supporting elephant conservation globally, the EEI complements our community based conservation efforts and will expand the network of like-minded groups working towards effective conservation solutions. We look forward to a productive relationship that will greatly assist our conservation efforts in Tanzania.

Kesho Trust Research in Saadani



approach and analyse community-based issues. Through their participation in this research, the committees are learning new tools to apply on other research projects. This project will help us to better understand the main drivers of poverty in these communities in and adjacent Saadani National Park.

The participation and engagement of the members was great and we appreciated their energy, ideas and commitment. Watch for publications from this work that will be highlighted on our website and in our newsletters.

A small-scale peer research activity got underway early in February 2014 focusing on factors that are important in people's experiences of poverty in villages in and around Saadani National Park. This work is a final piece in the Protected Areas and Poverty Reduction (PAPR) Research Alliance project and is being led by Lorraine Wapling [Kesho Trust Advisor] and Bruce Downie (Founding Director) with support from Peter Millanga (Project Officer) and Beatrice Simon (Kesho Trust volunteer).



We engaged representatives from each of the six research committees participating in the Promoting Environmental Conservation and Cooperation (PECC) project from Mkange, Saadani, Gongo, Mkwaja, Buyuni, and Matipwili. The process involved central workshops, focus groups in each of the communities led by the participants in the workshop and then subsequent interviews with individuals in the communities. Peer research not only provides a rich set of data, but also is a very good way for community groups, like our PECC committees, to learn how to



New Research Initiatives



PAPR Community Meetings at Saadani National Park

With the Protected Areas and Poverty Reduction (PAPR) Research Alliance project coming to a close, researchers in the Saadani National Park area held workshops in February of 2014 to share their findings. The workshops brought together the PAPR village research committees and other members of the community to hear from two researchers from the University of Victoria in Canada. The committees also provided updates on their community research initiatives that have been supported by Community Coordinators Ally Abdallah [SANA] and Peter Millanga [Kesho Trust].

The two researchers were Bruce Downie and Alejandra Orozco-Quitero. Bruce's research focuses on environmental sustainability in household livelihood decision-making. Alejandra's research topic is "Tracing Spatial and Institutional Dynamics at Saadani National Park: Assessing the Challenges and Potential of Community Environmental Stewardship".

The workshops were a good opportunity to link the PAPR project with the ongoing work of the Kesho Trust through the Promoting Environmental Conservation and Cooperation (PECC) project. The PAPR was a very important project for the Kesho Trust that provided a basis for engaging with the communities in and adjacent to Saadani National Park. It was the beginning of a long term working relationship between us and the villages.

The Institutional Canopy of Conservation in East Africa

This seven year research initiative led by McGill University [Montreal, Canada] and the Africa Conservation Centre [Nairobi, Kenya] has recently been awarded funding through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada [SSHRC] and the International Development Research Centre [IDRC]. The Kesho Trust is a partner organization in this new research consortium along with a variety of institutions and organizations from Canada, Kenya and Tanzania.

The major goal of the partnership is to identify the most effective designs for future community based conservation programs by examining the impacts of ongoing conservancy experiments on the attitudes and livelihood practices of community members as they interact with natural resources. The project will focus on the rangelands, wetlands and forests of the East African savannah, especially in the borderlands between Kenya and Tanzania where wildlife concentrations profit from the richest pastoral lands in Africa. A key problem to be addressed is whether and how indigenous communities should participate in managing protected areas and conservation enterprises, as partners and stakeholders.

Bruce Downie, Director, attended an organizational meeting of the project in Montreal in September with representatives from both the African partners and the participating Canadian universities. Subsequently, Peter Millanga, Project Officer, attended an African partners meeting in Arusha. Further details of the activities under the program will be forthcoming during 2015 and the Kesho Trust is looking forward to participating along with our partner PALISEP.



Community Conservation Research Network

The Kesho Trust has been invited to be an affiliate member of the Community Conservation Research Network led by St. Mary's University in Nova Scotia, Canada. This network links 11 different study sites around the world comparing mechanisms of governance and linkages between conservation and livelihoods. While the project has been running for some time, the Kesho Trust is pleased to be able to be included and to share the experience we are developing on similar issues in our project sites in Tanzania.

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The Kesho Trust was incorporated as a society in 2005 in British Columbia, Canada and was registered as an International NGO in Tanzania in 2006.

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Thank you!

As in the past our projects are only successful because of the many individuals who commit their time, energy and money to our work. For this continued support we are truly thankful and hope that you share our feeling of satisfaction with the progress we are making. As we do each year we have listed those people and organizations that are part of that team of supporters. To everyone on that list – **thank you very much!** We continue to seek volunteers and supporters for

our work here and overseas so if your name isn't there and you want to join in please contact us.

There is another important list on the side panel of this page that lists the committed women and men who serve on our two boards of directors and as our advisors. They too deserve a special thanks for the leadership and support they provide.

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- Tanzania Foundation for Civil Society
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- Help Every Day [Denmark]
- Rocketday [Victoria]



**Summary of Financial Statements
Fiscal year 2013 / 2014**

Consolidated Balance Sheet			Consolidated Statement of Operations		
	2014	2013		2014	2013
Assets			Revenue		
Current assets	\$82,092	\$87,912	Donations	\$46,324	\$15,111
Investments [trust fund]	\$5,255	\$5,152	Grants	\$177,863	\$266,251
Accounts receivable	\$262	\$182	Other income	\$8	\$681
Total assets	\$87,609	\$93,346	Total revenue	\$224,195	\$282,043
Liabilities			Expenses		
Current liabilities	\$19,222	\$2,564	Program delivery	\$233,212	\$193,500
Long term debts	\$0	\$0	Administration	\$13,392	\$15,525
Total liabilities	\$19,222	\$2,564	Total operating expenses	\$246,604	\$209,025
			Excess of revenues over expenditures for the year	(\$22,409)	\$73,018